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Applicant : Yaron Mayer et. al.

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Examiner : **Jill E. Culler****Art unit 2854**

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Response to your office action of Jan. 27, 2005

In response to the Office action of Jan 27, 2005 (requirement of election/restriction), the reply is as follows:

1. Since the examiner has required an election between 3 groups of claims, we elect the first group of claims to be examined (i.e. claims 2-7, 13-18, 23-24, 26-29, 34, 36-37 and 39-42). However, the examiner has stated that the restriction requirement will be withdrawn if claims 1 & 12 are allowed, and we believe that indeed the generic claims should be allowed, even if some additional limitation or correction might need to be added to them. In addition, I respectfully submit that groups 2 and 3 - as claimed - are not separately useable, since they have not been entered as independent claims, but only as dependent claims, and therefore within the current set of claims they are only claimed in combination with the independent claims.
2. The examiner has stated in clause 4 of the office action that if the first group of claims is elected, further restriction is required between (i) inkjet or solid-ink printer, and (ii) laser printer. We therefore further elect the 2nd sub-group – laser printer. However, the examiner has mistakenly listed in this 2nd sub-group the claims that deal with binding pages together instead of the claims that deal with the laser printer. The correct claims for the 2nd sub-group – laser printer – are: 7, 17-18, 23-24, 26, 28, 36-37, 39-42, so this is the group of claims which we elect. Again, the examiner has stated that this restriction will be applied only if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.
3. Anyway, the election is made without prejudice and in any case we reserve the right to reinstate the non-elected claims at least in a divisional or CIP of the present application.

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4. Enclosed is also a petition for 1 month extension of the time for reply and the fee of \$60.

Respectfully submitted,
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